TRAINING CURRICULUM and LESSON PLANS

AIRWAY (DLT) Endorsement

Curriculum Objectives and Sample Lesson Plans for the EMT-Basic Airway (DLT) Endorsement

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The purpose of the Airway (DLT) Endorsement for EMT-B is to provide the EMT-B with the knowledge and skills to manage difficult airways and initiate corrective action with a DLT.

Patient care should always be based on patient presentation and Montana Prehospital Treatment Protocols.

EMT-B ENDORSEMENT: AIRWAY

COGNITIVE OBJECTIVES

At the completion of this lesson, the EMT-Basic airway endorsement student will be to place a double lumen tube in any unconscious / unresponsive (no gag response).

COGNITIVE OBJECTIVES

At the completion of this unit, the EMT-Basic airway endorsement student will be able to:

2-1.1 Explain the primary objective of airway maintenance. (C-1)
2-1.2 Identify commonly neglected prehospital skills related to airway. (C-1)
2-1.3 Identify the anatomy and functions of the upper airway. (C-1)
2-1.4 Describe the anatomy and functions of the lower airway. (C-1)
2-1.5 Explain the differences between adult and pediatric airway anatomy. (C-1)
2-1.6 Define normal tidal volumes for the adult, child, and infant. (C-1)
2-1.9 Explain the relationship between pulmonary circulation and respiration. (C-3)
2-1.10 List factors which cause decreased oxygen concentrations in the blood. (C-1)
2-1.11 List the factors that increase and decrease carbon dioxide production in the body. (C
2-1.12 Describe the measurement of oxygen in the blood. (C-1)
2-1.13 Describe the measurement of carbon dioxide in the blood. (C-1)
2-1.14 List the concentration of gases that comprise atmospheric air. (C-1)
2-1.15 List the factors that affect respiratory rate and depth. (C-1)
2-1.16 Describe the voluntary and involuntary regulation of respiration. (C-1)
2-1.17 Describe causes of upper airway obstruction. (C-1)
2-1.18 Define normal respiratory rates for adult, child, and infant. (C-1)
2-1.19 Describe causes of respiratory distress. (C-1)
2-1.61 Describe the indications, contraindications, advantages, disadvantages, complications, equipment, and technique for using a dual lumen airway. (C-3)
2-1.63 Describe the special considerations in airway management and ventilation for patients with facial injuries. (C-1)
2-1.64 Describe the special considerations in airway management and ventilation for the pediatric patient. (C-1)

PSYCHOMOTOR OBJECTIVES

At the completion of this unit, the EMT-Intermediate student will be able to:

2-1.68 Perform body substance isolation (BSI) procedures during basic airway management, advanced airway management, and ventilation. (P-2)
2-1.75 Demonstrate ventilating a patient by the following techniques: (P-2)
a. One person bag-valve-mask
b. Two person bag-valve-mask
2-1.77 Ventilate a pediatric patient using the one and two person techniques. (P-2)
2-1.87

2-1.94 Insert a dual lumen airway. (P-2)

LESSON PLAN:

RECOMMENDED TIME TO COMPLETE:
3 hours for lecture and skills practice.

EQUIPMENT:
Intubation Manikin
Double Lumen Tube
Oxygen Set
Bag-Valve-Mask

OVERVIEW:
While the major purpose of this lesson plan is to prepare the student to place a double lumen tube in any unconscious / unresponsive (no gag response) patient, overall airway management is the overall goal. Airway management beginning from simple patient positional airways, through Double Lumen Tube placement is covered and is the expected outcome.

DECLARATIVE

I. Introduction
   A. The body's need for oxygen
   B. Primary objective of emergency care
      1. Ensure optimal ventilation
         a. Delivery of oxygen
         b. Elimination of CO_2
   C. Brain death occurs within 6 to 10 minutes
   D. Major prehospital causes of preventable death
      1. Early detection
      2. Early intervention
      3. Lay-person BLS education
   E. Most often neglected of prehospital skills
      1. Basics taken for granted
      2. Poor techniques
         a. BVM seal
         b. Improper positioning
         c. Failure to reassess

II. Anatomy of upper airway
   A. Function of the upper airway
      1. Warm
      2. Filter
      3. Humidify
   B. Pharynx
      1. Nasopharynx

a. Formed by the union of facial bones
b. Orientation of nasal floor is towards the ear not the eye
c. Separated by septum
d. Lined with
    1) Mucous membranes
    2) Cilia
e. Turbinate
    1) Parallel to nasal floor
    2) Provide increased surface area for air
        a) Filtration
        b) Humidifying
        c) Warming
f. Sinuses
    1) Cavities formed by cranial bones
    2) Appear to further trap bacteria and act as tributaries for fluid to and from eustachian tubes and tear ducts
        a) Commonly become infected
        b) Fracture of certain sinus bones may cause cerebro-spinal fluid (CSF) leak
g. Tissues extremely delicate and vascular
    1) Improper or overly aggressive placement of tubes or airways will cause significant bleeding which may not be controlled by direct pressure

2. Oropharynx
    a. Teeth
        1) 2 adult
        2) Requires significant force to dislodge
        3) May fracture or avulse causing obstruction
    b. Tongue
        1) Large muscle attached at the mandible and hyoid bones
        2) Most common airway obstruction
    c. Palate
        1) Roof of mouth separates oro/ nasopharynx
            a) Anterior is hard palate
            b) Posterior (beyond the teeth) is soft palate
    d. Adenoids
        1) Lymph tissue located in the mouth and nose that filters bacteria
        2) Frequently infected and swollen
    e. Posterior tongue
    f. Epiglottis

C. Larynx
    1. Attached to hyoid bone
        a. "Horseshoe" shaped bone between the chin and mandibular angle
        b. Supports trachea
        c. Made of cartilage
    2. Thyroid cartilage
        a. First tracheal cartilage
        b. "Shield shaped"
            1) Cartilage anterior
            2) Smooth muscle posterior

a. Laryngeal prominence
(1) "Adam's Apple" anterior prominence of thyroid cartilage
(2) Glottic opening directly behind

3. Glottic opening
   a. Narrowest part of adult trachea
   b. Patency heavily dependent on muscle tone
   c. Contain vocal bands
      1) White bands of cartilage
      2) Produce voice
4. Arytenoid cartilage
   a. "Pyramid like" posterior attachment of vocal bands
   b. Important landmark for endotracheal intubation
5. Pyriform fossae
   a. “Hollow pockets” along the lateral borders of the larynx
6. Cricoid ring
   a. First tracheal ring
   b. Completely cartilaginous
   c. Compression occludes esophagus (Sellick maneuver)
7. Cricothyroid membrane
   a. Fibrous membrane between cricoid and thyroid cartilage
   b. Site for surgical and alternative airway placement
8. Associated structures
   a. Thyroid gland
      1) Located below cricoid cartilage
      2) Lies across trachea and up both sides
   b. Carotid arteries
      1) Branches cross and lie closely alongside trachea
   c. Jugular veins
      1) Branch across and lie close to trachea

III. Anatomy of lower airway
   A. Function of the lower airway
      1. Exchange of O_2 and CO_2
   B. Location of the lower airway
      1. From fourth cervical vertebrae to xyphoid process
      2. From glottic opening to pulmonary capillary membrane
   C. Structures of the lower airway
      1. Trachea
         a. Trachea bifurcates at carina into
            1) Right and left mainstem bronchi
            2) Right mainstem has lesser angle
               a) Foreign bodies
            3) Lined with
               a) Mucous cells
               b) Beta 2 receptors - dilate bronchioles
      2. Bronchi
         a. Mainstem bronchi enter lungs at hilum
         b. Branch into narrowing secondary and tertiary bronchi which branch into bronchioles

3. Bronchioles
    a. Branch into alveolar ducts which end at alveolar sacs
4. Alveoli
    a. "Balloon like" clusters
    b. Site of gas exchange
    c. Lined with surfactant
        (1) Decreases surface tension of alveoli which facilitates ease of expansion
        (2) Alveoli become thinner as they expand which makes diffusion of O_2/ CO_2 easier
        (3) If surfactant is decreased or alveoli are not inflated, alveoli collapse (atelectasis)
5. Lungs
    a. Right lung
        (1) 3 lobes
            a) Left lung
        (2) 2 lobes
            a) Lobes made of parenchymal tissue
            b) Membranous outer lining called pleura
            c) Lung capacity

IV. Differences in pediatric airway
A. Pharynx
    1. A proportionately smaller jaw causes the tongue to encroach upon the airway
    2. Omega shaped, floppy epiglottis
    3. Absent or very delicate dentition
B. Trachea
    1. Airway is smaller and narrower at all levels
    2. Larynx lies more superior
    3. Larynx is "funnel shaped" due to narrow, undeveloped cricoid cartilage
    4. Narrowest point is at cricoid ring before 10 years of age
    5. Further narrowing of the airway by tissue swelling of foreign body results in major increase in airway resistance
C. Chest wall
    1. Ribs and cartilage are softer
    2. Cannot optimally contribute to lung expansion
    3. Infants and children tend to depend more heavily on the diaphragm for breathing

V. Lung/ respiratory volumes
A. Total lung volume
    1. Adult male, 6 liters
    2. Not all inspired air enters alveoli
    3. Minor diffusion of O_2 takes place in alveolar ducts and terminal bronchioles
B. Tidal volume
    1. Volume of gas inhaled or exhaled during a single respiratory cycle
    2. 5-7cc/ kg (500 cc normally)
B. Dead space air

1. Air remaining in air passageways, unavailable for gas exchange (approximately 150 cc)
2. Anatomic dead space
    a. Trachea
    b. Bronchi
3. Physiologic dead space
    a. Dead space formed by factors like disease or obstruction
        (1) COPD
        (2) Atelectasis

C. Minute volume
1. Amount of gas moved in and out of the respiratory tract per minute
2. Determined by
    a. Tidal volume - dead space volume times respiratory rate

D. Functional reserve capacity
1. After optimal inspiration: optimum amount of air that can be forced from the lungs in a single forced exhalation

E. Residual volume
1. Volume of air remaining in lungs at the end of maximal expiration

F. Alveolar air
1. Air reaching the alveoli for gas exchange (alveolar volume)
2. Approximately 350 cc

G. Inspiratory reserve
1. Amount of gas that can be inspired in addition to tidal volume

I. Expiratory reserve
1. Amount of gas that can be expired after a passive (relaxed) expiration

J. FiO_2
1. Percentage of oxygen in inspired air (increases with supplemental oxygen)
    a) Commonly documented as a decimal (e.g., FiO_2 = .85)

VI. Ventilation

A. Definition - movement of air into and out of the lungs

B. Phases
1. Inspiration
    a. Stimulus to breathe from respiratory center
    b. Impulse transmitted to diaphragm via phrenic nerve
        1) Diaphragm - "muscle of respiration"
        2) Separates thoracic from abdominal cavity
    c. Diaphragm contracts - "flattens"
        1) Causes intrapulmonic pressure to fall slightly below atmospheric pressure
    d. Intercostal muscles contract
    e. Ribs elevate and expand
    f. Air is drawn into lungs like a vacuum
    g. Alveoli Inflate
    h. O_2/ CO_2 are able to diffuse across membrane
2. Expiration
    a. Stretch receptors in lungs signal respiratory center via vagus nerve to inhibit inspiration (Hering-Breuer Reflex)
    b. Natural elasticity (recoil) of the lungs passively expires air

VII. Respiration
- A. Definition
  1. Exchange of gases between a living organism and its environment
  2. The major gases of respiration are oxygen and carbon dioxide
- B. Types
  1) External respiration - exchange of gasses between the lungs and the blood cells
  2) Internal respiration - exchange of gases between the blood cells and tissues
- C. The transportation of oxygen and carbon dioxide in the human body
  1. Diffusion - passage of solution from area of higher concentration to lower concentration
     a. O_2/ CO_2 dissolve in water and pass through alveolar membrane by diffusion
  2. Oxygen content of blood
     a. Dissolved O_2 crosses pulmonary capillary membrane and binds to hemoglobin (Hgb) of red blood cell
     b. Oxygen is carried
        1) Bound to hemoglobin
        2) Dissolved in plasma
     c. Approximately 97% of total O_2 is bound to hemoglobin
     d. O_2 saturation
        1) % of hemoglobin saturated
        2) Normally greater than 98%
  3. Oxygen in the blood
     a. Bound to hemoglobin
        1) SaO_2
     b. Dissolved in plasma
        1) PaO_2
  4. Carbon dioxide content of the blood
     a. CO_2 is a byproduct of cellular work (cellular respiration)
     b. CO_2 is transported in blood as bicarbonate ion
     c. About 33% is bound to hemoglobin
     d. As O_2 crosses into blood, CO_2 diffuses into alveoli
     e. Carbon dioxide in the blood
        1) $PaCO_2$
  5. Diagnostic testing
     a. Pulse oximetry
     b. Peak expiratory flow testing
     c. End-tidal CO_2 monitoring
     d. Other diagnostic equipment

VIII. Causes of decreased oxygen concentrations in the blood
- A. Lower partial pressure of atmospheric O_2
- B. Lower hemoglobin levels in blood
- C. Trauma
  1. Less surface area for gas exchange
     a. Pneumothorax

b. Hemothorax
c. Combination of pneumothorax and hemothorax
2. Decreased mechanical effort
a. Pain
b. Traumatic suffocation
c. Hypoventilation

D. Medical
1. Physiological barriers
a. Pneumonia
b. Pulmonary edema
c. COPD

IX. Carbon dioxide in blood
A. Increases
1. Hypoventilation
B. Decreases
1. Hyperventilation

X. The measurement of gases
A. Total pressure
1. The combined pressure of all atmospheric gases
2. 100% or 760 torr at sea level
B. Partial pressure
1. The pressure exerted by a specific atmospheric gas
C. Concentration of gases in the atmosphere
1. Nitrogen 597.0 torr (78.62%)
2. Oxygen 159.0 torr (20.84%)
3. CO_2 0.3 torr (0.04%)
4. Water 3.7 torr (0.50%)
D. Water vapor pressure
E. Alveolar gas concentration
1. Nitrogen 569.0 torr (74.9%)
2. Oxygen 104.0 torr (13.7%)
3. CO_2 40.0 torr (5.2%)
4. Water 47.0 torr (6.2%)

XI. Respiratory rate
A. Definition - the number of times a person breathes in one minute
B. Neural control
1. Primary control from the medulla and pons
2. Medulla
a. Primary involuntary respiratory center
b. Connected to respiratory muscles by vagus nerve
3. Pons
a. Apneustic center - secondary control center if medulla fails to initiate respiration
b. Pneumotaxic center - controls expiration
C. Chemical stimuli
1. Receptors for O_2/ CO_2 balance

a. Cerebrospinal fluid pH
b. Carotid bodies (sinus)
c. Aortic arch

2. Hypoxic drive - respiratory stimulus dependent on O_2 rather than CO_2 in the blood

D. Control of respiration by other factors
1. Body temperature - respirations increase with fever
2. Drug and medications - may increase or decrease respirations depending on their physiologic action
3. Pain - increases respirations
4. Emotion - increases respirations
5. Hypoxia - increases respirations
6. Acidosis - respirations increase as compensatory response to increased CO_2 production
7. Sleep - respirations decrease

XII. Pathophysiology
A. Obstruction
1. Tongue
a. Most common airway obstruction
b. Snoring respirations
c. Corrected with positioning
2. Foreign body
a. May cause partial or full obstruction
b. Symptoms include
1) Choking
2) Gagging
3) Stridor
4) Dyspnea
5) Aphonia (unable to speak)
6) Dysphonia (difficulty speaking)
3. Laryngeal spasm and edema
a. Spasm
1) Spasmotic closure of vocal cords
2) Most frequently caused by
a) Trauma from over aggressive technique during intubation
b) Immediately upon extubation especially when patient is semiconscious
b. Edema
1) Glottic opening becomes extremely narrow or totally obstructed
2) Most frequently caused by
a) Epiglottitis (a bacterial infection of the epiglottis)
b) Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reaction)
c) Relieved by
3) Aggressive ventilation
4) Forceful upward pull of the jaw
5) Muscle relaxants
4. Fractured larynx
a. Airway patency dependent upon muscle tone

b. Fractured laryngeal tissue
1) Increases airway resistance by decreasing airway size through
a) Decreasing muscle tone
b) Laryngeal edema
c) Ventilatory effort
5. Aspiration
a. Significantly increases mortality
1) Obstructs airway
2) Destroys delicate bronchiolar tissue
3) Introduces pathogens
4) Decreases ability to ventilate

XIII. Airway evaluation
A. Essential parameters
1. Rate
a. Normal resting rate in:
1) Adult
2) Child
3) Infant
2. Regularity
a. Steady pattern
b. Irregular respiratory patterns are significant until proven otherwise
3. Effort
a. Breathing at rest should be effortless
b. Effort changes may be subtle in rate or regularity
c. Patients often compensate by preferential positioning
1) Upright sniffing
2) Semi-Fowlers
3) Frequently avoid supine
B. Recognition of airway problems
1. Respiratory distress
a. Upper and lower airway obstruction
b. Inadequate ventilation
c. Impairment of the respiratory muscles
d. Impairment of the nervous system
2. Difficulty in rate, regularity, or effort is defined as dyspnea
3. Dyspnea may be result of or result in hypoxia
a. Hypoxia - lack of oxygen
b. Hypoxemia - lack of oxygen to tissues
c. Anoxia - total absence of oxygen
4. Recognition and treatment of dyspnea is crucial to patient survival
a. Expert assessment and management is essential
1) The brain can survive only a few minutes of anoxia
2) All therapies fail if airway is inadequate
5. Visual techniques
a. Position
1) Tripod positioning
2) Orthopnea
b. Rise and fall of chest

c. Gasping
d. Color of skin
e. Flaring of nares
f. Pursed lips
g. Retraction
    1) Intercostal
    2) Suprasternal notch
    3) Supraclavicular fossa
    4) Subcostal

6. Auscultation techniques
    a. Air movement at mouth and nose
    b. Bilateral lung fields equal
7. Palpation techniques
    a. Air movement at mouth and nose
    b. Chest wall
        1) Paradoxical motion
        2) Retractions
8. Bag-valve-mask
    a. Resistance or changing compliance with bag-valve-mask ventilations
9. Pulsus paradoxus
    a. Systolic blood pressure drops greater than 10mm Hg with inspiration
        1) Change in pulse quality may be detected
        2) Seen in COPD, pericardial tamponade
        3) Possible increase in intrathoracic pressure
10. History
    a. Evolution
        1) Sudden
        2) Gradual over time
        3) Known cause or "trigger"
    b. Duration
        1) Constant
        2) Recurrent
    c. Ease - what makes it better?
    d. Exacerbate - what makes it worse?
    e. Associate
        1) Other symptoms (productive cough, chest pain, fever, etc.)
    f. Interventions
        1) Evaluations/ admissions to hospital
        2) Medications (include compliance)
        3) Ever intubated
11. Modified forms of respiration
    a. Protective reflexes
        1) Cough
            a) Forceful, spastic exhalation
            b) Aids in clearing bronchi and bronchioles
        2) Sneeze - clears nasopharynx
        3) Gag reflex - spastic pharyngeal and esophageal reflex from stimulus of the posterior pharynx
    b. Sighing

1) Involuntary deep breath that increases opening of alveoli
2) Normally sigh about once per minute

c. Hiccough - intermittent spastic closure of glottis

12. Respiratory pattern changes
    a. Cheyne-Stokes
        1) Gradually increasing rate and tidal volume followed by gradual decrease
        2) Associated with brain stem insult
    b. Kussmall's breathing
        1) Deep, gasping respirations
        2) Common in diabetic coma
    c. Biot's respirations
        1) Irregular pattern, rate, and volume with intermittent periods of apnea
        2) Increased intracranial pressure
    d. Central neurogenic hyperventilation
        1) Deep rapid respirations similar to Kussmall's
        2) Increased intracranial pressure
    e. Agonal
        1) Slow, shallow, irregular respirations
        2) Resulting from brain anoxia
13. Inadequate ventilation
    a. Occurs when body cannot compensate for increased O_2 demand or maintain O_2/ CO_2 balance
    b. Many causes
        1) Infection
        2) Trauma
        3) Brainstem insult
        4) Noxious or hypoxic atmosphere
        5) Renal failure
    c. Multiple symptoms
        1) Altered response
        2) Respiratory rate changes (up or down)

XIV. Supplemental oxygen therapy

A. Rationale
    1. Enriched O_2 atmosphere increases oxygen to cells
    2. Increasing available O_2 increases patient's ability to compensate
    3. O_2 delivery method must be reassessed to determine adequacy and efficiency

B. Oxygen source
    1. Compressed gas
        a. Oxygen compressed in gas form in an aluminum or steel tank
        b. Common sizes and volumes
            1) D 400L
            2) E 660L
            3) M 3450L
        c. O_2 delivery measured in liters/ min (LPM)
        d. Calculating tank life
            1) ((Tank pressure (psi) - 200) * 0.28) ÷ LPM

2) Volume/ LPM = tank life in minutes

2. Liquid oxygen
   a. O_2 cooled to its aqueous state
      1) Converts to gaseous state when warmed
   b. Advantage
      1) Much larger volume of gaseous O_2 can be stored in aqueous state
   c. Disadvantages
      1) Units generally require upright storage
      2) Special requirements for large volume storage and cylinder transfer

C. Regulators
   1. High pressure
      a. Attached to cylinder stem delivers cylinder gas under high pressure
      b. Used to transfer cylinder gas from tank to tank
   2. Therapy regulators
      a. Attached to cylinder stem
      b. 50 psi escape pressure is "stepped down" through regulator mechanism
      c. Subsequent delivery to patient is adjustable low pressure

D. Delivery devices
   1. Nasal cannula
      a. Nasally placed O_2 catheter for oxygen enrichment
      b. Optimal delivery: 40% at 6 L/ min
      c. Indications
         1) Low to moderate O_2 enrichment
         2) Long term O_2 maintenance therapy
      d. Contraindications
         1) Poor respiratory effort
         2) Severe hypoxia
         3) Apnea
         4) Mouth breathing
      e. Advantage
         1) Well tolerated
      f. Disadvantage
         1) Does not deliver high volume/ high concentration
   2. Simple face mask
      a. Full airway enclosure with open side ports
         1) Room air is drawn through side ports on inspiration
         2) Dilutes O_2 concentration
      b. Indications
         1) Delivery of moderate to high O_2 concentrations
         2) Range - 40-60% at 10 L/ min
      c. Advantage
         1) Higher O_2 concentrations
      d. Disadvantage
         1) Delivery of volumes beyond 10 L/ min does not enhance O_2 concentration
      e. Special considerations
         1) Mask leak around face decreases O_2 concentration
   3. Partial rebreather
      a. Mask vent ports covered by one-way disc

1) Residual expired air mixed in mask and rebreathed
2) Room air not entrained with inspiration

b. Indications
c. Contraindications
1) Apnea
2) Poor respiratory effort
d. Advantages
1) Inspired gas not mixed with room air
a) Higher O_2 concentrations attainable
2) Disadvantages
a) Delivery of volumes beyond 10 L/ min does not enhance O_2 concentration
e. Special considerations
1) Mask leak around face decreases O_2 concentration

4. Non-rebreather mask
a. Mask side ports covered by one-way disc
b. Reservoir bag attached
c. Range: 80-95+% at 15 L/ min
d. Indication
1) Delivery of highest O_2 concentration
e. Contraindications
1) Apnea
2) Poor respiratory effort
f. Advantages
1) Highest O_2 concentration
2) Delivers high volume/ high O_2 enrichment
3) Patient inhales enriched O_2 from reservoir bag rather than residual air
g. Disadvantages

5. Venturi mask
a. Mask with interchangeable adapters
1) Adapters have port holes that entrain room air as O_2 passes
2) Patient receives a highly specific concentration of O_2
3) Air is entrained by venturi principle

6. Small volume nebulizer
a. Delivers aerosolized medication
b. O_2 enters an aerosol chamber containing 3-5 ccs of fluid
c. Pressurized O_2 mists fluid

E. Oxygen humidifiers
1. Sterile water reservoir for humidifying O_2
2. Good for long term O_2 administration
3. Desirable for croup/ epiglottitis/ bronchiolitis

F. Tracheostomy, stoma, and tracheostomy tubes
1. Tracheostomy
a. Surgical opening into trachea
1) Done in operating room under controlled conditions
2) A stoma located just superior to the suprasternal notch

2. Stoma
a. Resultant orifice connecting trachea to outside air
b. Patient now breathes through this surgical opening

3. Tracheostomy tube
    a. Plastic tube placed within tracheostomy site
    b. 15 mm connector for ventilator acceptance

XV. Ventilation

A. Mouth-to-mouth
    1. Most basic form of ventilation
    2. Indication
        a. Apnea from any mechanism when other ventilation devices are not available
    3. Contraindications
        a. Awake patients
        b. Communicable disease risk limitations
    4. Advantages
        a. No special equipment required
        b. Delivers excellent tidal volume
        c. Delivers adequate oxygen
    5. Disadvantages
        a. Psychological barriers from
            1) Sanitary issues
            2) Communicable disease issues
                a) Direct blood/ body fluid contact
                b) Unknown communicable disease risks at time of event
    6. Complications
        a. Hyperinflation of patient's lungs
        b. Gastric distension
        c. Blood/ body fluid contact manifestation
        d. Hyperventilation of rescuer

B. Mouth-to-nose
    1. Ventilating through nose rather than mouth
    2. Indication
        a. Apnea from any mechanism
    3. Contraindication
        a. Awake patients
    4. Advantage
        a. No special equipment required
    5. Disadvantages
        a. Direct blood/ body fluid contact
        b. Psychological limitations of rescuer
    6. Complications
        a. Hyperinflation of patient's lungs
        b. Gastric distension
        c. Blood/ body fluid manifestation
        d. Hyperventilation of rescuer

C. Mouth-to-mask
    1. Adjunct to mouth-to-mouth ventilation
    2. Indication
        a. Apnea from any mechanism
    3. Contraindication

a. Awake patients
4. Advantages
   a. Physical barrier between rescuer and patient blood/ body fluids
   b. One-way valve to prevent blood/ body fluid splash to rescuer
   c. May be easier to obtain face seal
5. Disadvantage
   a. Useful only if readily available
6. Complications
   a. Hyperinflation of patient's lungs
   b. Hyperventilation of rescuer
   c. Gastric distention
7. Method for use
   a. Position head by appropriate method
   b. Position and seal mask over mouth and nose
   c. Ventilate as appropriate

D. One person bag-valve-mask
1. Fixed volume self inflating bag can deliver adequate tidal volumes and O_2 enrichment
2. Indications
   a. Apnea from any mechanism
   b. Unsatisfactory respiratory effort
3. Contraindication
   a. Awake, intolerant patients
4. Advantages
   a. Excellent blood/ body fluid barrier
   b. Good tidal volumes
   c. Oxygen enrichment
   d. Rescuer can ventilate for extended periods without fatigue
5. Disadvantages
   a. Difficult skill to master
   b. Mask seal may be difficult to obtain and maintain
   c. Tidal volume delivered is dependent on mask seal integrity
6. Complications
   a. Inadequate tidal volume delivery with
      1) Poor technique
      2) Poor mask seal
      3) Gastric distention
7. Method for use
   a. Position appropriately
   b. Choose proper mask size - seats from bridge of nose to chin
   c. Position, spread/ mold/ seal mask
   d. Hold mask in place
   e. Squeeze bag completely over 1.5 to 2 seconds for adults
   f. Avoid overinflation
   g. Reinflate completely over several seconds
8. Special considerations
   a. Medical
      1) Observe for
         a) Gastric distension

b) Changes in compliance of bag with ventilation
c) Improvement or deterioration of ventilation status (i.e., color change, responsiveness, air leak around mask)

b. Trauma
1) Very difficult to perform with cervical spine immobilization in place

E. Two person bag-valve-mask ventilation method
1. Most efficient method
2. Indications
a. Bag-valve-mask ventilation on any patient
1) Especially useful for cervical spine-immobilized patients
2) Difficulty obtaining or maintaining adequate mask seal
3. Contraindications
a. Awake, intolerant patients
4. Advantages
a. Superior mask seal
b. Superior volume delivery
5. Disadvantages
a. Requires extra personnel
6. Complications
a. Hyperinflation of patient's lungs
b. Gastric distension
7. Method for use
a. First rescuer maintains mask seal by appropriate method
b. Second rescuer squeezes bag
8. Special considerations
a. Observe chest movement
b. Avoid over inflation
c. Monitor lung compliance with ventilations

F. Three person bag-valve-mask ventilation
1. Indications
a. Bag-valve-mask ventilation on any patient
1) Especially useful for cervical spine-immobilized patients
2) Difficulty obtaining or maintaining adequate mask seal
2. Contraindications
a. Awake, intolerant patients
3. Advantages
a. Superior mask seal
b. Superior volume density
4. Disadvantages
a. Requires extra personnel
b. “Crowded” around airway
5. Complications
a. Hyperinflation of patient’s lungs
b. Gastric distension
6. Method for use
a. First rescuer maintains mask seal by appropriate method
b. Second rescuer holds mask in place
c. Third rescuer squeezes bag and monitors compliance
7. Special considerations

a. Avoid over inflation
b. Monitor lung compliance with ventilations

G. Flow-restricted, oxygen-powered ventilation devices
1. The valve opening pressure at the cardiac sphincter is approx 30 cm H_2O
2. These devices operate at or below 30 cm H_2O to prevent gastric distension
3. Indications
   a. Delivery of high volume/ high concentration of O_2 (1 L/ sec)
   b. Awake compliant patients
   c. Unconscious patient with caution
4. Contraindications
   a. Noncompliant patients
   b. Poor tidal volume
   c. Small children
5. Advantages
   a. Self administered
   b. Delivers high volume/ high concentration O_2
   c. O_2 delivered in response to inspiratory effort (no O_2 wasting)
   d. O_2 volume delivery is regulated by inspiratory effort minimizing overinflation risk
   e. O_2 volume delivery is also restricted to less than 30 cm H_2O
6. Disadvantages
   a. Cannot monitor lung compliance
   b. Requires O_2 source
7. Complications
   a. Gastric distension
   b. Barotrauma
8. Method
   a. Mask is held manually in place
   b. Negative pressure upon inspiration triggers O_2 delivery or medic triggers release button
   c. Patient is monitored for adequate tidal volume and oxygenation

H. Cricoid pressure - Sellick maneuver
1. Pressure on cricoid ring
2. Occludes esophagus
3. Facilitates intubation by moving the larynx posteriorly
4. Helps to prevent passive emesis
5. Can help minimize gastric distension during bag-valve-mask ventilation
6. Indications
   a. Vomiting is imminent or occurring
   b. Patient cannot protect own airway
7. Contraindication
   a. Use with caution in cervical spine injury
8. Advantages
   a. Noninvasive
   b. Protects from aspiration as long as pressure is maintained
9. Disadvantages
   a. May have extreme emesis if pressure is removed
   b. Second rescuer required for bag-valve-mask ventilation
   c. May further compromise injured cervical spine

10. Complications
    a. Laryngeal trauma with excessive force
    b. Esophageal rupture from unrelieved high gastric pressures
    c. Excessive pressure may obstruct the trachea in small children
11. Method
    a. Locate the anterior aspect of the cricoid ring
    b. Apply firm, posterior pressure
    c. Maintain pressure until the airway is secured with an

XVI. Airway obstructions
A. Causes
    1. Tongue
    2. Foreign body
    3. Laryngeal spasm
    4. Laryngeal edema
    5. Trauma
B. Classifications/ assessment
    1. Complete obstruction
    2. Partial obstruction
        a. With good air exchange
        b. With poor air exchange
C. Management
    1. Heimlich maneuver
    2. Finger sweep
    3. Chest thrusts
    4. Suctioning
    5. DLT (Double Lumen Tube) placement
        a. If unable to ventilate and BLS methods fail
    6. Patient is unconscious

XVII. Suctioning
A. Suction devices
    1. Hand-powered suction devices
        a. Advantages
            1) Lightweight
            2) Portable
            3) Mechanically simple
            4) Inexpensive
        b. Disadvantages
            1) Limited volume
            2) Manually powered
            3) Fluid contact components not disposable
    2. Oxygen-powered portable suction devices
        a. Advantages
            1) Lightweight
            2) Small in size
        b. Disadvantages
            1) Limited suctioning power
            2) Uses a lot of oxygen for limited suctioning power

3. Battery-operated portable suction devices
    a. Advantages
        1) Lightweight
        2) Portable
        3) Excellent suction power
        4) May "field" troubleshoot most problems
    b. Disadvantages
        1) More complicated mechanics
        2) May lose battery integrity over time
        3) Some fluid contact components not disposable
4. Mounted vacuum-powered suction devices
    a. Advantages
        1) Extremely strong vacuum
        2) Adjustable vacuum power
        3) Fluid contact components disposable
    b. Disadvantages
        1) Non-portable
        2) Cannot "field service" or substitute power source

B. Suctioning catheters
1. Hard or rigid catheters
    a. "Yankauer" or "tonsil tip"
    b. Suction large volumes of fluid rapidly
    c. Standard size
    d. Various sizes
2. Soft catheters
    a. Can be placed in oropharynx, nasopharynx, or down endotracheal tube
    b. Various sizes
    c. Smaller inside diameter than hard tip catheters
    d. Suction tubing without catheter (facilitates suctioning of large debris)

C. Suctioning the upper airway
1. Prevention of aspiration critical
    a. Mortality increases significantly if aspiration occurs
    b. Preoxygenate if possible
    c. Hyperoxygenate after suctioning
2. Description
    a. Soft tip catheters must be prelubricated
    b. Place catheter
    c. Suction during extraction of catheter
    d. Suction to clear the airway
    e. Reevaluate patency of the airway
    f. Ventilate and oxygenate

D. Gastric distention
1. Air becomes trapped in the stomach
2. Very common when ventilating non-intubated patients
3. Stomach diameter increases
4. Pushes against diaphragm
5. Interferes with lung expansion
6. Abdomen becomes increasingly distended
7. Resistance to bag-valve-mask ventilation

8. Management
    a. Non-invasive
        1) May be reduced by increasing bag-valve-mask ventilation time
            a) Adults - 1.5 to 2 seconds
            b) Pediatrics - 1 to 1.5 seconds
        2) Prepare for large volume suction
        3) Position patient left lateral
        4) Slowly apply pressure to epigastric region
        5) Suction as necessary
    b. Gastric tubes
        1) Tube placed in the stomach for gastric decompression and/ or emesis control
        2) Nasogastric decompression
            a) Indications
                i) Threat of aspiration
                ii) Need for lavage
            b) Contraindications
                i) Extreme caution in esophageal disease or esophageal trauma
                ii) Facial trauma (caution)
                iii) Esophageal obstruction
            c) Advantages
                i) Tolerated by awake patients
                ii) Does not interfere with intubation
                iii) Mitigates recurrent gastric distension
                iv) Mitigates nausea
                v) Patient can still talk
            d) Disadvantages
                i) Uncomfortable for patient
                ii) May cause patient to vomit during placement even if gag is suppressed
                iii) Interferes with BVM seal
            e) Complications
                i) Nasal, esophageal or gastric trauma from poor technique
                ii) Endotracheal placement
                iii) Supragastric placement
                iv) Tube obstruction
            f) Method
                i) Prepare patient
                    a. Head neutral
                    b. Oxygenate
                ii) Lubricate tube
                iii) Advance gently along nasal floor
                    a. Encourage patient to swallow or drink to facilitate passage
                iv) Advance into stomach
                v) Confirm placement
                    a. Auscultate while injecting 30-50 cc’s of air
                    b. Note gastric contents through tube
                    c. No reflux around tube
                vi) Secure in place

3) Orogastric decompression
   a) Indications
      i) Same parameters as NG
      ii) Generally preferred for unconscious patients
   b) Contraindication
      i) Same parameters as NG
   c) Advantages
      i) May use larger tubes
      ii) May lavage more aggressively
      iii) Safe to pass in facial fracture
      iv) Avoids nasopharynx
   d) Disadvantage
      i) May interfere with visualization during intubation
   e) Complications
      i) Same as NG
      ii) Patient may bite tube
   f) Method
      i) Neutral or flexed head position
      ii) Introduce tube down midline
      iii) Procedure same as NG

XVIII. Airway management
A. Manual maneuvers
1. Head-tilt/ chin-lift maneuver
   a. Technique
      1) Tilt head back
      2) Lift chin forward
      3) Open mouth
   b. Indications
      1) Unresponsive patients who
         a) Do not have mechanism for c-spine injury
         b) Unable to protect their own airway
   c. Contraindications
      1) Awake patients
      2) Possible c-spine injury
   d. Advantages
      1) No equipment required
      2) Simple
      3) Safe
      4) Non-invasive
   e. Disadvantages
      1) Head tilt hazardous to c-spine injured patients
      2) Does not protect from aspiration
2. Jaw-thrust without head-tilt maneuver
   a. Technique
      1) Head is maintained neutral
      2) Jaw is displaced forward
      3) Lift by grasping under chin and behind teeth
      4) Mouth opened

b. Indications
    1) Patients who are
        a) Unresponsive
        b) Unable to protect their own airway
        c) May have c-spine injury
c. Contraindications
    1) Responsive patients
    2) Resistance to opening mouth
d. Advantages
    1) May be used in c-spine injury
    2) May be performed with cervical collar in place
    3) Does not require special equipment
e. Disadvantages
    1) Cannot maintain if patient becomes responsive or combative
    2) Difficult to maintain for extended period
    3) Very difficult to use in conjunction with bag-valve-mask ventilation
    4) Thumb must remain in patient's mouth in order to maintain displacement
    5) Separate rescuer required to perform bag-valve-mask ventilation
    6) Does not protect against aspiration

3. Modified jaw-thrust maneuver
    a. Technique
        1) Head maintained neutral
        2) Jaw is displaced forward at mandibular angle
    b. Indications
        1) Unresponsive
        2) Cervical spine injury
        3) Unable to protect own airway
        4) Resistance to opening mouth
    c. Contraindication
        1) Awake patients
    d. Advantages
        1) Non-invasive
        2) Requires no special equipment
        3) May be used with cervical collar in place
    e. Disadvantages
        1) Difficult to maintain
        2) Requires second rescuer for bag-valve-mask ventilation
        3) Does not protect against aspiration

B. Nasal airway
    1. Soft rubber with beveled tip
        a. Distal tip rests in hypopharynx
        b. For adults, length measured from nostril to earlobe
        c. Diameter roughly equal to patient's little finger
    2. Indications
        a. Unconscious patients
        b. Altered response patients with suppressed gag reflex
    3. Contraindications
        a. Patient intolerance

b. Caution in presence of facial fracture or skull fracture
4. Advantages
   a. Can be suctioned through
   b. Provides patent airway
   c. Can be tolerated by awake patients
   d. Can be safely placed "blindly"
   e. Does not require mouth to be open
5. Disadvantages
   a. Poor technique may result in severe bleeding
      1) Resulting epistaxis may be extremely difficult to control
   b. Does not protect from aspiration
6. Placement
   a. Determine correct length and diameter
   b. Lubricate nasal airway
   c. With bevel towards septum, insert gently along the nasal floor parallel to the mouth
   d. Do not force
   e. Measurement from corner of the mouth to the jaw angle rather than tip of the ear
   f. Too long airway causes airway obstruction

C. Oral airway
1. Hard plastic airway designed to prevent the tongue from obstructing glottis
2. Indications
   a. Unconscious patients
   b. Absent gag reflex
3. Contraindication
   a. Conscious patients
4. Advantages
   a. Non-invasive
   b. Easily placed
   c. Prevents blockage of glottis by tongue
5. Disadvantages
   a. Does not prevent aspiration
   b. Unexpected gag may produce vomiting
6. Complications
   a. Unexpected gag may produce vomiting
   b. Pharyngeal or dental trauma with poor technique
7. Placement
   a. Open mouth
   b. Remove visible obstructions
   c. Place with distal tip toward glottis using tongue depressor as adjunct
   d. Alternate method - place airway with distal tip toward palate and rotate into place
8. Pediatrics
   a. Place with tongue depressor
      1) Place with tip toward tongue, not palate

D. Double lumen airways
1. Pharyngo-tracheal lumen airway (PTL)
   a. An endotracheal tube encased in a large pharyngeal tube

b. Designed to be passed blindly
c. Dual ventilation ports provide means to ventilate regardless of whether the ET tube is placed in the esophagus or the trachea
d. Indication
    1) Alternative airway control when conventional intubation procedures are not available or successful
e. Advantages
    1) Can ventilate with tracheal or esophageal placement
    2) No facemask to seal
    3) No special equipment
    4) Does not require sniffing position
f. Disadvantages
    1) Cannot be used in awake patients
    2) Adults only
    3) Pharyngeal balloon mitigates but does not eliminate aspiration risk
    4) Can only be passed orally
    5) Extremely difficult to intubate around
g. Method
    1) Head neutral
    2) Pre-intubation precautions
    3) Insert at the midline using jaw-lift
    4) Ventilate through pharyngeal tube (green) first
        a) Chest rise indicates ET tube is in esophagus
            i) Inflate pharyngeal balloon and ventilate
        b) No chest rise indicates ET tube in trachea
            i) Inflate ET tube balloon cuff
            ii) Ventilate through ET tube
h. Complications
    1) Pharyngeal or esophageal trauma from poor technique
    2) Unrecognized displacement of ET tube into esophagus
    3) Displacement of pharyngeal balloon
i. Special considerations
    1) Good assessment skills are essential to properly confirm placement
    2) Mis-identification of placement has been reported
    3) Reinforce multiple confirmation of placement techniques

2. Combitube
    a. Pharyngeal and endotracheal tube molded into a single unit
    b. Indication
        1) Alternative airway control when conventional intubation measures are unsuccessful or unavailable
    c. Contraindications
        1) Children too small for the tube
        2) Esophageal trauma or disease
        3) Caustic ingestion
    d. Advantages
        1) Rapid insertion
        2) No special equipment
        3) Does not require sniffing position
    e. Disadvantages

1) Impossible to suction trachea when tube is in esophagus
2) Adults only
3) Unconscious only
4) Very difficult to intubate around

f. Method
1) Head - neutral position
2) Pre-intubation precautions
3) Insert with jaw-lift at midline
4) Inflate pharyngeal cuff with 100 cc's of air
5) Inflate distal cuff with 10-15 cc's of air
6) Ventilate through longest tube first (pharyngeal)
a) Chest rise indicates esophageal placement of distal tip
b) No chest rise indicates tracheal placement, switch ports and ventilate

g. Special considerations
1) Good assessment skills are essential to confirm proper placement
2) Mis-identification of placement has been reported
3) Reinforce multiple confirmation techniques

XIX. Special patient considerations

A. Patients with laryngectomies (stomas)

1. Mucous plug
a. Laryngectomees possess less efficient cough
b. Mucous commonly obstructs tubes
c. Tube may be removed/ cleaned and replaced

2. Stenosis
a. Stoma spontaneously narrows
1) Potentially life-threatening
2) Soft tissue swelling decreases stoma diameter
b. Trach tube is difficult or impossible to replace
c. ET tube must be placed before total obstruction

3. Suctioning
a. Must be done with extreme caution if laryngeal edema is suspected
b. Procedure
1) Preoxygenate
2) Inject 3 cc sterile saline down trachea
3) Instruct patient to exhale
4) Insert suction catheter until resistance detected
5) Instruct patient to cough or exhale
6) Suction during withdrawal

4. Tube replacement
a. Lubricate appropriately sized tracheostomy tube or ET tube (5.0 or greater)
b. Instruct patient to exhale
c. Gently insert tube about 1-2 cm beyond balloon cuff
d. Inflate balloon cuff
e. Confirm comfort, patency and proper placement
f. Ensure false lumen was not created

B. Dental appliances

1. Dentures, partials, etc.
2. Best removed prior to intubation

C. Airway management considerations for patients with facial injuries
   1. Facial injuries lend to a high suspicion of cervical spine injury
      a. In-line stabilization
         1) Trauma technique endotracheal intubation
   2. Foreign body/ blood in oropharynx
      a. Suction airway
   3. Inability to ventilate/ intubate orally

D. Confirming placement
   1. Methods
      a. Direct re-visualization
         1) Re-visualize glottis
         2) Note tube depth
            i) Average tube depth in males is 22 cm at the teeth
            ii) Average tube depth in women is 21 cm at the teeth
      b. Note condensation in the tube
         1) Auscultation
            a) Epigastric area
               i) Air entry into stomach indicates esophageal placement
            b) Bilateral bases
               i) Equal volume and expansion
            c) Apices
               i) Equal volume
               ii) Unequal or absent breath sounds indicate
         2) Maintenance of balloon inflation by compressing pilot balloons
         3) Pulse oximetry
         4) Expired CO_2
            a) Measures presence of CO_2 in expired air
               i) Colormetric
               ii) Digital
               iii) Digital/ waveform
         5) Bag-valve-mask ventilation compliance
            a) Increased resistance to BVM compliance may indicate
               i) Gastric distension
               ii) Esophageal placement
               iii) Tension pneumothorax
      c. Evidence of a misplaced tube regardless when it was last checked must be reconfirmed
      d. Confirmation must be performed
         1) By multiple methods
         2) Immediately after tube placement
         3) After any major move
         4) After manipulation of neck (manipulation of neck may displace tube up to 5 cm)
   2. Corrective measures
      a. Esophageal placement
         1) Ready to vigorously suction as needed

2) Likelihood of emesis is increased especially if gastric distension is present
3) Ideally, preoxygenate prior to reintubation. Misplaced tube may be removed after proper placement is confirmed or it may be removed beforehand provided diligent and vigorous airway suctioning is ready.